



Village of Niles
PUBLIC ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.
In-Person, Village Hall, 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles
2nd Floor Conference Room/EOC

Members Present:

Marina Samovsky – Photographer
Carol Luc – Artist
Carly Derec – Artist
Julie Jentel - Niles Park District

Tracy Holmes - Niles Chamber of Commerce
Kathleen Gallegos – Artist
Ramon Pierto – VFW Post 3579
Angie Schab – School District 63

Members Absent:

Victoria Luz- Niles - Maine District Library

Barbara Karawacki – Niles Historical Society

Village Officials/Staff Present:

Katie Schneider – Community Engagement & Marketing Supervisor
Craig Niedermaier - Trustee

I. Call to Order:

Marina Samovsky called the meeting to order in person on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at Village Hall, 2nd Floor/EOC, 1000 Civic Center Drive at 4:35 p.m.

II. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Angie Schab made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2023 meeting as presented. Tracy Holmes seconded the motion, all were in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved. June minutes were not available.

IV. Organization Representative Reports

Members of the Council each gave an update as it relates to art and culture initiatives. After reports, the group discussed ways to promote the arts and culture opportunities here in Niles, all agreed that Instagram is a good first step. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

V. Niles Artisan Guild

Niles Artisan Guild is interested in painting bus benches again. The Council agreed to offer the program in the spring. Katie will need to inventory the benches and see what condition each is in. We will revisit at the November meeting when the FY2025 budget is discussed.

VI. Old Business

- a. **David Rzany Art Gallery Reception:** Marina provided an update to members of the Council. An opening reception will be held on September 14, 2023 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. David Rzany’s art is a pop culture collection that will be on display through mid-November or possibly December depending on whether another artist is available. After discussion, it was determined that we need an artist submission form to keep a schedule of artists for the year. Marina would still like to develop a “school art wall” on the blue painted wall in that space, Council discussed but no further action was taken.
- b. **Golf Mill Park Art Sculpture** – Mayor Alpogianis has been unavailable, and no update was provided. The Council discussed creating an art plan that identified types of art, goals and a mood board that could be presented for potential art in Niles. A plan should also inspire. Council members agreed to bring examples of art to the next meeting, location opportunities

and what makes sense for Niles. In general, Niles art should reflect the people of Niles and what we value. This plan should reflect the priorities of the Master Plan.

VIII. Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

IX. Next Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts, the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room. There will be no meeting on October 10, 2023.

X. Adjournment

Tracy Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Angie Schab seconded the motion, all were in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Katie Schneider, Community Engagement & Marketing Supervisor